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FORT SILL SOLDIERS ESCAPE.

Guardhouse Prisoners Seize Gun and Take His Gun.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Fort Sill, Okla., Dec. 12.—Two prisoners at the Fort Sill guardhouse escaped yesterday, after seeing the guard, forcing him to march with them all night, and finally turning him loose when several miles from the fort.

The two prisoners, Fred B. Wallace and George W. Munger, were in a wagon engaged in doing some work around the post. The guard, Charles Hastings, was on a horse. The two men jumped from the wagon and dragged Hastings from his horse, having previously seized his carbine.

They fled with Hastings to Cache Creek and followed that stream for several miles, forcing Hastings to march between them. When daylight came and they were several miles away from the post they released Hastings, returning his carbine after having extracted the pin, thus rendering the weapon useless.

Hastings returned to the post this afternoon in a serious condition from his treatment and the exposure. A detachment was sent to search for the two men, who were serving terms for misdemeanors committed at the post.

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SHOOT UP TOWN: KILLS GIRL.

Indian Territory Youth Arrested for Tragedy at Center, I. T.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 12.—Walter Copeland, member of prominent family living in the Indian Territory just across the eastern line of the country, today shot and killed Little Joann, an orphan child, 10 years old.

The tragedy occurred at Center, a little Indian town in the Seminole Nation. Copeland rode into Center and galloped down the street shooting at a man, who was attempting to cross the street and one of the shots struck her in the breast, piercing her heart.

A posse of citizens immediately started in pursuit of Copeland, but he outdistanced them and rode into Ada, I. T., where he was arrested by officers.

At 9:05 P. M.

The Illinois Central New Orleans Special for Memphis and the South leaves St. Louis Union Station at 2:45 p. m. instead of 2:15 p. m.

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"CHAPPY" MORAN, HELD IN CINCINNATI, FOREVER BANISHED FROM ST. LOUIS

Long Ago Chief of Detectives Desmond Issued Positive Order That Young Man Charged With Wire Tapping, Should Never Set Foot Again in This City—Accused of Swindling Junk Dealer Out of \$7,000.

"Chappy" Moran, who was arrested Tuesday in Cincinnati on a charge of operating a wire tapping machine, is not only well known in St. Louis, but long ago Chief of Detectives Desmond issued a positive order that he should never set foot in this city.

When he came here two years ago the police arrested him on a charge of wire tapping, and he had to consent to a detective accompanying him everywhere he went.

Two years ago he made his headquarters in St. Louis, but he became involved in so many shady transactions that the police decided to remove him from the city. His last offense, recorded by the police, was committed here in March, 1903, when he was charged with swindling a junk dealer out of \$7,000.

When the police arrested him, he was about to take a train for Chicago when the police arrested him.

The police records show the several years following his arrest he was arrested in Denver, Pittsburgh, Omaha, Philadelphia, New York and other places, charged with swindling, but he always managed to escape conviction. Incidentally he went to Mexico, and it is said he had a woman out of there by a confidence game.



"CHAPPY" MORAN.

JUNK DEALER LOST \$7,000.

When he appeared in St. Louis last spring he came here under cover and operated a wire tapping machine. Between them they devised a scheme by which they were to replenish their depleted treasury. Moran selected Morris Cohen, an iron and junk dealer, to carry out the plan.

Max had a plan to carry out the plan, and he was smooth and confident. He soon became well acquainted with Cohen, and he further ingratiated himself with the Cohen family by claiming that he was a friend of the relatives of Mrs. Cohen in Poland.

Mr. Cohen, it was known, occasionally put down a bet, and he was a personal friend of a superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and a telegrapher, and that at the last he would tap the wires and, after securing the name of the winning horse in a race, to hold back the information and bet their money on the sure thing.

Cohen readily entered into the spirit of the scheme, and when the plan was suggested that they had better go to Chicago, as they could get down more money there than anywhere else, he consented.

Taking \$7,000 from the bank they boarded the train and in due time arrived in the Illinois city. Cohen was introduced at a poolroom and in several days the tip came to plunge on Brander in the third race.

"Chen did not look at the entries to see if Brander was entered, but as soon as a man who had been introduced to him as "Chappy" Moran, who is now known to have been "Chappy" Moran, asked him for his \$7,000, he gave it up without a murmur. The money was made in the poolroom and the ticket was handed to Cohen. In half an hour Cohen was told that the horse had won and he was asked to go around and cash the ticket, as the horse were afraid it would cause suspicion if they seemed to have a hand in it.

POOLROOM HAD MOVED.

Cohen hurried to the poolroom, and ascertained that "it had moved." Every article of furniture had been cleared out and not a thing remained. Of course, Cohen then realized that he had been swindled out of his money, but he looked at the list of starters in the race to see if he could find the name of Brander. It was not there. This is what sent him to the office of the Chief of Police of Chicago with a complaint.

"Afterward," said Mr. Cohen, last evening, in speaking of the subject, "the detective arrested me and took me to the police station. Moran escaped. Those arrested gave bond in the sum of \$10,000 each, but it was of the same variety and when the men were called for trial they were not present. At the same time they got my money they got away with \$1,200 belonging to Ernest Fumanoil of Chicago. In the same way, we thought the men were perfectly honest, but they would not say anything about it. I recognize some of the names of the men arrested in Cincinnati as those of the men who fled me out of my money."

Although "Chappy" Moran is not more than 35 years old, he is considered one of the sharpest and most cunning of the world. He was once a pal of the notorious Harry Campbell, who is now serving a term in Sing Sing.

COURT OF APPEALS AGAINST HEARST

Rules That Courts Have No Power or Authority to Order a Re-count of the Ballots.

McClellan to Take Office.

Municipal Ownership Forces Do Not Give Up Hope of Finally Outing Him, but Admit Task Becomes More Difficult.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Dec. 12.—William R. Hearst's hopes and those of the Municipal Ownership forces were dimmed today when the Court of Appeals at Albany upheld the decision of the court of the Municipal Ownership forces that the ballots cannot be recounted under the law.

The majority comprised Chief Judge Cullen, Judges Gray, O'Brien, Haght and Werner. Judges Bartlett and Vann dissented.

The majority opinion shows the fault of the election law glaringly. The gist of it is:

"The courts are without power or authority to order a recount of the ballots in the election district and therefore the candidates defeated on the face of the ballots cannot be reinstated by law, or otherwise, as may be appropriate where to question it as to the ballots counted."

A most important announcement was made by Judges Bartlett and Vann, who dissented from the majority.

"A new election law cannot soon be drafted and enacted," they said.

"The decision was the most crushing blow that the Municipal Ownership forces have yet received in their fight for a recount. It is pointed out that, while on one hand the law states that the ballots and documents are to be counted, on the other hand it provides that the courts shall have the power to order such a recount."

"I would prefer to discuss the situation until I have read the opinion of the Court of Appeals. Assuming, however, that the decision is correct, it is a blow to the Municipal Ownership forces."

"We will not be put to some delay, and shall be anxious to proceed for the time being in opening the ballot boxes and proving by their contents that the frauds in the count shown in the opening of the first four boxes were general throughout the city."

In other words, we shall be compelled to resort to the more roundabout methods of opening ballot boxes upon affidavits and by subpoenaing witnesses.

"McClellan will thus have won his fight for delay. He cannot, however, successfully hide the facts forever."

These ballot boxes can be opened to quo warranto proceedings, and nothing can prevent the truth from being ultimately known, except the physical destruction of the boxes and their contents.

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LABOR MEN REFUSE TO HEAR PROFESSORS FROM CHICAGO

Assembly Declines to Hear No Intention of Being Instructed by Men From University Reflected.

Columbus, O., Dec. 12.—Considerable comment has been occasioned by the action of the Columbus Trade and Labor Assembly at last night's meeting. In declining to accept the services of a professor of the Chicago University to deliver a course of lectures here under the auspices of the assembly.

The assembly was asked to pay a part of the expenses of the professor, and the assembly promptly declined to receive the services of the Chicago man.

The reason given was that the Chicago University has John D. Rockefeller as a benefactor, and it is almost entirely due to his contributions that the university enjoys its extensive and high rank in the educational world.

One of the delegates maintained that the professors at the University of Chicago had to teach and stand for the things that were favored by the oil magnate, and when they ceased to do this, their position was in jeopardy.

In view of this, the proposition was turned down, and a committee consisting of delegates Pliehn, Hough and Little appointed to arrange for lectures, securing the man from "a source above suspicion."

JEFFERSON BARRACKS NOTES.

Professor and Mrs. Samuel Wells, back of London Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Wells, to Captain Patrick W. Guinness, Third Cavalry, the marriage will take place in the city of Philadelphia.

Miss Wells is the daughter of a prominent family in Philadelphia. She was educated at the University of Pennsylvania.

Captain Guinness is a member of the Third Cavalry. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania.

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SIX CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH IN TEXAS.

Flames Consumed Home at Orange While Child in Care for a Week—Parents Accused of Neglect.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 12.—Six children, all of them under the age of 10 years, were burned to death last night at Orange, Tex., and the mother of the children, who had been burned to death, is feared she cannot live.

A teacher party had been formed of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lester, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Welch. It was agreed that the six children of the three couples should be left at the home of the Lesters, in charge of the latter's maid.

About 9 o'clock the fire alarm sounded and it was discovered that the Lester home was the scene of a large fire. The flames were sufficiently under control to allow a search of all six of the children, who were found burned to death.

Soon after its origin the news of the tragedy was communicated to the teacher party. Mrs. Lester in a frantic effort to save her children, was badly burned and her life is in jeopardy.

What was the cause of the fire has not yet been determined. The maid who had been left in charge of the children had gone for a short walk when the fire occurred.

TERRITORY MAYOR ACQUITTED

Charles Watts of Wagoner Free on Embezzlement Charge.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 12.—Mayor Charles Watts of Wagoner was tried yesterday on a charge of embezzlement and acquitted.

Mayor Watts was indicted some time ago on a charge of embezzling \$500 from a Post Office fund. He was tried yesterday.

The jury found him not guilty. He was acquitted.

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